

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

1995 Gibb, J.G. and T.D. Pettit
Phase I Intensive Archeological Survey of Cearfoss Roundabout, MD 63 at MD 58,
Washington County, Maryland, and Phase II Site Examination at the Reiff Site (18WA454).
Submitted to the Maryland State Highway Administration

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Sites examined:

18WA454

NRHP Eligible: ☒

[Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

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Phase III

Project Justification:

The project was undertaken due to the impending construction of a roundabout, or traffic circle, at the existing intersection of MD 63 and MD 58. The project entailed extensive grading within a slightly expanded right-of-way. Phase I survey was conducted to identify any potentially significant archeological remains. As a result, 18WA454 was identified and subsequently subjected to Phase II testing.

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Project Objectives:

Phase I

-Determine if any prehistoric or historic sites identified previously survive.

-Determine if any previously undocumented archeological sites survive within, or adjacent to the study area.

-Provide a preliminary assessment of the dates of occupation, function, horizontal and vertical limits, and integrity of any archeological sites found within the study area.

Phase II

-Determine the horizontal limits of the site and the degree to which they may have been transformed by subsequent events.

-Determine the vertical limits of the site and the degree to which they may have been transformed by subsequent events.

-Assess the historical significance of the site in terms of historic contexts and themes developed by the MHT.

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18WA456 & 18WA454.

REPORT INFORMATION:

1997 Gibb, J.G. and T.D. Pettit
Phase III Archeological Data Recovery at the Reiff Site (18WA454), MD 63 at MD 58
Cearfoss Roundabout, Cearfoss, Washington County, Maryland.
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Sites examined:

18WA454

NRHP Eligible: ☒

[Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III

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Project Justification:

The project was undertaken due to the impending construction of a roundabout, or traffic circle, at the existing intersection of MD 63 and MD 58. The project entailed extensive grading within a slightly expanded right-of-way. Phase II testing at the site had already revealed the presence of stratified deposits and intact features. Thus, Phase III data recovery was recommended as significant impacts to the site could not be avoided.

Project Objectives:

-Conduct extensive background research on archival sources to document the character of the community that was present near the Reiff site in historic times.

-Examine the rural-urban relationship represented at the Reiff site by obtaining a large collection of glass and ceramic vessels.

-Locate excavation units in multiple activity areas to obtain a truly representative glass and vessel sample.

-Use these data to explore the economic decision-making patterns of the tenant householders who are thought to have inhabited the site during the 19th century.

Research Potential:

Excavation, archival research, and subsequent analyses at 18WA454 revealed the remains of a fieldstone footer and relatively intact deposits representing a c. 1820-1850 tenant occupation at the Cearfoss Crossroads. Despite many modern disturbances, the Phase II and III work proved that deposits remained at the site capable of addressing important research issues on the themes of economics and commerce regarding Western Maryland's Agricultural to Industrial Transformation. With the construction of the new roundabout atop the site, that research potential has now been exhausted.
